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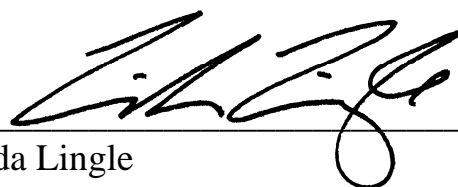
During the infamous events of September 11, 2001, our nation saw both the worst and best sides of humanity. Close to 3,000 people, including members of our state 'ohana, lost their lives when a calm morning was shattered by a barbaric enemy driven by hatred and destruction. On that day and in its aftermath, we saw incredible acts of heroism from police officers, firefighters, emergency personnel and everyday citizens, many of whom sacrificed their lives in order to save others. People from every corner of the nation gave from their hearts to help the victims. Courageous survivors rebuilt their lives. Those left behind carried on the legacy of their loved ones.

The aftermath of this horrific event has resonated across our nation and around the world. Though the peace and security we once took for granted within our own borders was destroyed, we ignited the enduring spirit of our nation and strengthened the unity of the American people with our resolve for freedom, justice and democracy.

By a joint resolution approved on December 18, 2001 (Public Law 107 89), Congress has designated September 11th of each year as Patriot Day, and the President of the United States has ordered the U.S. flag to be displayed at half staff from sunrise to sunset. As we observe the seventh anniversary of this tragedy, we remember and honor the memories of the innocent lives lost, while reaffirming our commitment to remain vigilant in our opposition to terrorism across the globe.

THEREFORE, I, LINDA LINGLE, Governor of the State of Hawai'i, in observance of Patriot Day, do hereby order the lowering of the Hawai'i State flag to half staff on all state and county buildings, in conjunction with the United States flag, from sunrise to sunset on Thursday, September 11, 2008, and encourage all of our residents and visitors to solemnly reflect upon the significance of this commemoration. I also echo the President's call to observe a moment of silence to honor the memory of those who lost their lives and in remembrance of the heroes and survivors of that fateful day.

DONE at the State Capitol, in the Executive Chambers, Honolulu, State of Hawai'i, this twenty-seventh day of August 2008.



Linda Lingle
Governor, State of Hawai'i